

References for Proposed APA Guidelines for Child Custody Evaluations in Family Law Proceedings

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Total Number of Citations	61	
Forensic Journals & Books	33	54%
Professional Guidelines	12	20%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 74% of the citations are from forensic publications or from various other Guidelines 		
Introductory Textbooks	4	7%
Substance Abuse	7	11%
Tele-psychology	2	3%
“Trauma bonding”	1	2%
Hawthorne Effect	2	3%
Remaining Citations: Eliminate professional guidelines, substance abuse studies, introductory textbooks, and tele-psychology citations		33 forensic citations from forensic publications
		3 other citations (two Hawthorne effect, one “trauma-bonding”)
Citations Prior to 2015	37	61%
Citations after 2015	24	39%
Forensic research citations from Before 2015:	19	60%
Forensic research citations from After 2015:	13	40%
Attachment		
Citations of Bowlby	0	
Citations of Ainsworth, Sroufe, Cassidy, Mains, Ruth-Lyons	0	
Family Systems		
Citations of Minuchin	0	
Citations of Bowen	0	
Citations of Haley, Madanes, Satir, Borzermenji-Nagy	0	
Trauma		
Citations of van der Kolk	0	
Citations of Perry	0	
Citations of Cicchetti	0	
Personality Disorders		
Citations of Beck	0	
Citations of Kernberg	0	
Citations of Millon	0	
Citations of Linehan	0	
Child Development		
Citations of Tronick	0	
Citations of Kohut	0	

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Forensic Publications

54% of all the citations are from forensic publications, with three journals accounting for the primary source (42%) of the forensic citations in the Reference section.

- **Family Court Review – 8 (24%)**
- **Journal of Child Custody – 4 (12%)**
- **American Journal of Family Law – 2 (6%)**

42% of the cited forensic studies come from three forensic journals.

Opinion piece publications account for most of the forensic publications cited (78%), with two survey research studies of opinions. Only 12% of the literature cited involved actual research studies.

- Opinion piece publications: 26 (78%)
- Survey research of opinions: 2 (6%)
- Research: 4 (12%)
 - MMPI meta-analysis
 - Research on note-taking accuracy
 - Research on validity of observational measures
 - Research on distance separations

84% of the forensic literature cited are opinion pieces, not direct research

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- Survey research of opinions

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- Opinion piece

Guidelines

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- Testing
- **Child Custody Evaluations (1994)**
- Record Keeping
- **Child Custody Evaluations (2010)**
- Child Protection
- **Forensic Psychology**
- Telepsychology
- Psychological Assessment
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